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## Monthly Newsletter

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*President - Stephen Schmidt Vice President - Don Ashley Secretary - Pat Koppel Treasurer - Dick Jackson*

## *The President's Dispatch*

It's the Monday after our last meeting and I am sitting here trying to relax after a grueling three days of moving my mother-in-law, but, I am sure you don't want all of the details of my weekend.

Our February meeting was introduced by me with an announcement about KnoxPEX which will have already ended by the time you read this newsletter. I will give you a rundown on it at the next meeting.



Don Ashley gave us an update on the cachet cover that is being prepared for HOLPEX 2017. The cachets have been printed on the envelopes. Dan Hubbard is going to order Davy Crockett stamps from former member Paul Kuhn in Florida and we will purchase current Forever First Class stamps to complete the covers. Don has been in contact with the Johnson City USPS Postmaster in regards to canceling the covers for us and will be finalizing the details on that soon. Don also discussed numbering the covers, but, no final decision on this has been made yet.

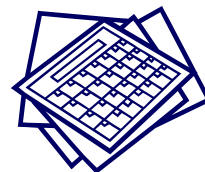
According to Richard Lockman, the Chuckey post office still has a few Inverted Jenny sheets for sale. Feeling Lucky? Visit the Chuckey PO on US Highway 11E between Jonesborough and Greeneville.

Dan Hubbard said he will try to purchase discount postage stamps to replenish our supply for the monthly newsletters that are mailed to members while he is at KnoxPEX. Just another way to try to save money for the club.

Richard Jackson spent some time discussing the one page exhibits he has received for the Holston Stamp Club display frame to be shown at KnoxPEX. He needed a couple more pages to fill the frame and asked for more contributions. The club introduction page was discussed as to what we should include about our club. I'm sure his final draft of the intro. will meet everyone's highest expectations.

Mike Chessman brought with him the cover for a vinyl record album

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors  
always Welcome!*

**Mar. 16th - 7 p.m.**  
**Monthly Meeting**

that he recently purchased titled, *Stamp Album*, by the Climax Blues Band that had many pictures of stamps. Way cool Mike!

Anytime any member has something interesting like Mike's album cover, they are encouraged to bring it to a meeting to share with the other members. (In grade school we called this "Show and Tell".)

Also I would enjoy seeing some short articles about philately by our members. You can submit them to Pat Koppel via e-mail (his e-mail address is on the next page) or bring them to a meeting to be published in the next newsletter. I know we have many knowledgeable collectors in our club and you might just inspire someone else on a new collecting adventure.

## *Steve*

The lots for the  
special auction  
held after our  
February  
meeting.



## Club News from Don Ashley

Be thinking about the pros and cons related to numbering the club HOLPEX covers. Most stamp club shows do not number them. Club members are to discuss and decide at the next meeting.

The 200 Davy Crockett stamps for the HOLPEX covers are to be here about Feb. 27.

Bill Vance has been advised about the USPS setting up a table during HOLPEX for canceling the club covers.

Dennis Bowman and I met with USPS on Feb. 20 to finalize the rubber hand cancellation stamp.

There will be some covers from KnoxPEX in the special auction at the end of the March meeting. The theme chosen for KnoxPEX was basketball and former Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt.

## Philatelic Oddities by Don Ashley

Steve Schmidt mentioned in his Dispatch column that Mike Chessman found an unusual record album cover featuring stamps. Recently I became aware of something quite interesting, which is the World's Largest Ball of Stamps. This was a project by the Boys Town Stamp Collecting Club in Nebraska starting back in 1953. By applying layers and layers of stamps, probably to a golf ball, after about two years they had created a ball 32 inches in diameter weighing 600 pounds from 4,655,000 cancelled stamps. Per *Ripley's Believe it or Not* it has remained the World's Largest Ball of Stamps since then. It's available for the public to see up close and even touch but not to add any stamps or take any away.



## *Monthly Treasury Report*

Beginning Balance Feb. 1, 2017	\$2,982.44
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$2,997.92

Total Income for Feb.	\$165.03
Stamp Sales Program	\$140.03
2017 Club dues	\$25.00

Total Disbursements for Jan.	(\$164.25)
HOLPEX Cachet Envelopes	(\$164.25)

Ending Balance Feb. 21, 2017	\$2,988.70
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Cash on hand Feb. 21, 2017	\$2,958.90
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Uncleared checks / Adjustment	(\$29.80)
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*FYI. Sixty-two lots were sold at the special auction (combination of items from four members, items donated to the club and items from the club's inventory). The items sold for a total of \$239.38.*

## Preview of USPS 2017 Stamps by your Newsletter Editor

Last month this column provided a list of the subjects for some of the USPS 2017 stamps. Here are issue dates for them.

Jan. 5, Year of the Rooster ( Lunar New Year Series )

Jan. 7, Love in Skywriting ( Celebrating Love Series )

Jan. 22, Liliuokalani Gardens ( American Landmarks Series)

Jan. 22, St. Louis Gateway Arch - Express Mail stamp

Jan. 27, Billowing USA Flag

Jan. 28, Seashells - four different seashells for postcards

Feb. 1, Dorothy Height ( Black Heritage Series )

Feb. 16, Oscar de la Renta - design details on ten gowns

Feb. 18, Uncle Sam's Hat - additional ounce stamp

Feb. 20, John F. Kennedy - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JFK's birth

Mar. 1, Nebraska Statehood - 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Mar. 3, Barn Swallow

Mar. 7, Work Projects Administration Posters - ten posters

Mar. 23, Pears

Mar. 31, Mississippi Statehood - 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Spring ?, California Dogface Butterfly

Spring ?, Protect Pollinators

Summer ?, Flowers from the Garden - paintings of flowers

Summer ?, Delicioso - Central & South American plus Mexican and Caribbean influences on America's cuisine

Summer ?, Sharks - five stamps about sharks

Sept. 1, Father Theodore Hesburgh

Sept. ?, National Museum of African American History & Culture



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_, Owner Initials xx \_\_\_\_, Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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